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"For I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" — Genesis 37:17

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Sunny  
Southwest  
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mph

## COLUMBIA

Officials working to  
breathe new life into  
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**8A**  
**At least  
17 dead  
in school  
shooting**



**1B**

**Auburn beats Kentucky**

## Elections

# Culver: GOP should keep Bright on ballot

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For the second time in as many days, a Houston County commissioner has weighed in on the legitimacy of U.S. House of Representative candidate Bobby Bright's Republican designation.

In a letter addressed to Ala-



Bright

bama Republican Party executive director Harold Sachs and sent to the *Eagle* on Wednesday, Houston County Commission Chairman Mark Culver requested that the party

deny District 4 Commissioner Brandon Shoupe's call to block Bright's inclusion on the ballot. Shoupe tweeted a letter Tuesday that he addressed to Sachs requesting Bright be thrown off the ballot, citing Bright's history of running as a Democrat and support of Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House.

Culver said the issue should be settled by voters in the 2nd Congressional District, where Bright is challenging incumbent Martha Roby and two other candidates in the June 5 primary. The district includes Elmore and Autauga counties north of Montgomery, sections of Montgomery County and much of south

and southeastern Alabama. "I just think we need to let the people decide," he said. "Committees and groups picking candidates are why people are tired of politics. I don't think a committee in Birmingham should decide an election."

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## PLEASE BE MINE!



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**B**rooke Ann Hughes, 4, plays with balloons while picking one out for Valentine's Day with her father, Robert, outside of The Bliss Atelier pop-up flower store Wednesday.

## Ozark



Facing capital murder charges in the February 2017 killing of his infant son, **Jaylin Jamal Toles** is ordered to have a mental evaluation before trial.

# Father charged in death must be evaluated

Infant killed in 2017

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An Ozark man facing capital murder charges for killing his infant son must complete a mental evaluation before the case can go to trial.

"This is normal procedure for someone facing these charges," said Dale County District Attorney Kirke Adams. "Until this evaluation is complete, we are at a standstill."

Defense attorneys for Jaylin Jamal Toles thought the motion had been filed previously, but the motion was not filed until Feb. 7, and was granted by Dale County Judge William Filmore on Feb. 7, Adams said.

Toles confessed during an interview with the Ozark Police Department in February 2017 that he did cause harm to the baby to get the infant to stop crying. Toles told investigators he was playing video games on his phone until he picked up the child and struck the infant's head against the stairs inside the apartment. He demonstrated the striking by hitting a water bottle on the table in front of investigators. Toles then stated he placed the infant in a rocker and placed a pacifier in the infant's mouth, and returned to playing video games for 30 minutes. He

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## 2018 Winter Games

# Enterprise man makes own Olympic journey

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**W**hen Winter Olympic Games officials hand out some gold, silver and bronze medals this weekend, an Enterprise man will be there to witness it.

Sean Roehler has been visiting friends in South Korea, the site of this year's Winter Olympics, since Feb. 1. The trip to see the Olympics this weekend originated with an idea he and friends stationed at the U.S. Army installation Camp Humphreys in South Korea had last year.

"They said I needed to come over here last year, and I said 'Well, the Olympics are there next year. Why don't I wait until then?'" he said

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*"The cool thing, and I didn't know this until we landed, was we flew over the top of the world. I flew over the North Pole."*

Sean Roehler, of Enterprise, on his trip from New York to South Korea to visit friends and attend the Winter Olympics



Sean Roehler, of Enterprise, stands in front of a building at one of South Korea's palaces on his trip this month to the 2018 Winter Games in South Korea.

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